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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ILO - REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION  
OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS (IRVING BROWN)

REF: A. PARIS 01125; B. GENEVA 0342

1. SUMMARY. IRVING BROWN RETURNED FROM HIS VISIT TO  
GENEVA (REF A) PLEASED WITH BLANCHARD'S RESPONSE TO  
AFL-CIO'S VIEWPOINT ON SUBJECT MATTER BUT MORE  
PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FINAL OUTCOME THAN WHEN HE LEFT  
PARIS.

2. IN ADDITION TO EXPRESSING AGREEMENT WITH ARGUMENTS  
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IN SUPPORT OF POSTPONEMENT OF PLO ISSUE FROM FEBRUARY

TO MAY, BLANCHARD CONVINCED BROWN THAT HE AS DG HAD LITTLE ROOM FOR MANEUVER AND THAT KEY PERSON IN THIS SITUATION WAS MOROCCAN LABOR MINISTER AS GB CHAIRMAN. BLANCHARD HAD PROMISED TO MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO SEE IF GB CHAIRMAN COULD BE TALKED INTO COOPERATING. ACCORDINGLY, BROWN WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTED WHEN LABATT INFORMED HIM THAT MOROCCAN LABOR MINISTER DID NOT GO TO GENEVA ON 21 JANUARY AS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED (REF B). "THIS IS SERIOUS OMEN," ADDED BROWN. HE WENT ON TO RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS PERHAPS TOO MUCH TO EXPECT ANY ARAB OFFICIAL TO DRAG HIS FEET ON ANY PUBLIC ACTION DESIGNED TO PROMOTE PLO CAUSE BUT HE INTENDS TO PERSEVERE.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH HIS TALKS IN GENEVA, BROWN DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD HAND-CARRIED A LETTER FROM GEORGE MEANY TO BLANCHARD IN WHICH THE AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MADE QUITE CLEAR HOW STRONGLY HE FEELS ABOUT ILO'S HANDLING OF PLO ISSUE. IN LIGHT OF MEANY'S STRONG LANGUAGE, BROWN FELT JUSTIFIED TO ALLUDE TO AFL-CIO WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO AS ONE OF POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION OF PLO MATTER IN GB MARCH MEETING. BROWN EXPLAINED TO BLANCHARD THAT HE HAD A MISSION TO ACCOMPLISH AND INTENDED TO DO HIS BEST WHICH INCLUDED GIVING HIM A FAIR WARNING ABOUT AFL-CIO'S SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE.

4. COMMENT. BROWN'S REALISM IS WELL KNOWN BUT HIS INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE MUST BE QUITE CLEAR, NAMELY, TO MAKE AN ALL OUT EFFORT TO OBTAIN POSTPONEMENT. BLANCHARD'S NOTABLE SUCCESS IN EXPLAINING THE LIMITED ROLE HE CAN PLAY AT THIS POINT IS PERHAPS THE ONLY, BUT SIGNIFICANT, POSITIVE ASPECT OF BROWN'S TRIP TO GENEVA. LABATT URGED BROWN TO HIGHLIGHT BLANCHARD'S OBVIOUS COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE IN HIS REPORT TO 16TH STREET.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON WHETHER TO BRIEF BROWN ON RESPONSES FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS  
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CONCERNING HOST GOVERNMENTS' REACTIONS TO IDEA OF POSTPONEMENT OF PLO ISSUE.  
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